

# Voters Affected by Hurricane Helene: **You Have Options**

There's still time to vote in the 2024 general election, even if you had to move because of the storm. You can also register at an early voting site in your county. See the information below to determine the best option for you.



**NOTE:** Some provisions apply <u>only</u> to voters from the 25 counties under a state disaster law. Those provisions are shown with a hurricane icon.

#### COUNTIES UNDER A STATE DISASTER LAW INCLUDE:

- Alexander
- Caldwell
- Henderson
- Mitchell

- Alleghany
- Catawba
- Jackson
- Polk

- Ashe
- Clay
- Lincoln
- Rutherford

- Avery
- Cleveland
- Rutheriord

- Buncombe
- Ole Velalie
- Macon
- Transylvania

- Dunco
- Gaston
- MadisonMcDowell
- WataugaWilkes

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# **Voting Options**

#### ABSENTEE-BY-MAIL

Have your ballot sent to you. If you had to relocate due to the storm, you do not have to return to your county to vote. You can request to have your ballot delivered to your temporary housing location or wherever you can receive mail.

#### HOW TO **REQUEST** AN ABSENTEE BALLOT



Request a ballot as soon as possible at **votebymail.ncsbe.gov** (scan code) or fill out an absentee request form and either mail it or drop it off at your county board of elections office.



Visit your county board of elections office during business hours, request a ballot, and complete it at the same time until 5 p.m. November 4.



### HOW TO RETURN YOUR VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOT

• Easiest Option: Mail through the U.S. Postal Service and be sure to include \$1.77 postage. Must be received by 7:30 p.m. November 5. Mail is being delivered to all county elections offices.



- Deliver in-person to **any North Carolina county board of elections office** or the State Board of Elections office in Raleigh. Must be received by 7:30 p.m. November 5.
- Deliver in-person to any North Carolina Early Voting site during operating hours. Scan
  the code to see address and contact information for county boards of elections offices.



#### IN PERSON - DURING EARLY VOTING

Vote at any early voting site in your county from October 17 - November 2. Scan code to see locations and schedules at the Early Voting Site Search.



If you're not registered to vote, you can register and vote at any early voting site in your county.

 You'll need to bring official proof of address, such as a driver's license or other government document, paycheck, utility bill, or bank statement. This can be an electronic copy.

#### IN PERSON - ON ELECTION DAY



- Vote at your assigned precinct on **Election Day, November 5**.
- Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- To find your Election Day polling place and view your sample ballot, use the Voter Search Tool (scan code).

## Photo ID Requirement

- If you are voting in person and have an acceptable photo ID such as an NC driver's license, please bring it when you vote. This will make your voting process quick and easy.
- If you are unable to show a photo ID when you vote in person, or include a photocopy of a photo ID with your absentee ballot, because you are a victim of Helene, you can:



- Complete a Photo ID Exception Form at your voting site or send it back with your absentee ballot. (A blank Exception Form will arrive with your absentee packet.)
   Check the box for "Exception 3: Victim of a Natural Disaster."
- Go to your county board of elections office. If you are a registered voter, they can take your photo and print an acceptable ID for you on the spot.

For more on North Carolina's photo ID requirement, including a list of all acceptable IDs, go to BringltNC.gov (scan code).



## **VOTING AFTER HELENE**

For more information on voting after Helene, go to <a href="https://www.ncsa.gov/helene">NCSBE.gov/Helene</a>.



